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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT : Russian Tank and Antitank Capabilities (U)

1. The United States Army has initiated a high priority tank development program designed to provide the United States with equipment of increased gun power, mobility, simplicity of operation and ease of maintenance. The design agencies charged with this development have asked repeatedly for reliable and up-to-date intelligence on Soviet tank and antitank capabilities to assure that the future U. S. equipment will be qualitatively superior to future Soviet armor.

2. As you are well aware, we know very little about new Soviet antitank means, new medium and heavy gun tanks, and the penetrability characteristics of new Soviet weapons.

3. Up-to-date intelligence on current and probable Soviet tank and antitank research and development trends is of the utmost importance to the Department of the Army.

4. I would appreciate your views as to how the collection of this type intelligence can be given more impetus in order to satisfy our critical needs.

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